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230 South Dearborn Street
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Re: Great Lakes Asphalt

Dear Mr. Felitti:

This letter constitutes the response of Ashland Chemical, Inc. to your letter of September 4, 1991, relative to the above-referenced hazardous waste site.

Without admitting any liability as a PRP at the Great Lakes site, Ashland would nonetheless be interested in exploring a possible de minimis settlement with the Agency.

Sincerely,



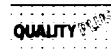
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